

NOT APPOINTED TO WRATH

1 Thess 5:8-11

1. Message of Examination.

Either a child of the light and day or a child of the dark and night.

2. Message of Spiritual Challenge. vv 6-8

Watch: be alert, vigilant, awake; opposite of indifference

Be Sober: discreet, stable in lifestyle, sane, steady.

Sleep: morally indifferent, not aware ...insensitive to spiritual walk.

1 Th 5:8 Breastplate protects vital organs....affections and spiritual breathing.

Faith: view of God. Reliance upon God

Love: attitude towards God & others.

Helmet protects brain: Philosophy, goals & purposes in life

Hope: Confident expectancy.

Of Salvation: future salvation.

I have hope/confident expectancy that since I have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior I will never suffer condemnation of God for sins. Taken care of on cross of Calvary. Rom 8:1; Eph.2:8

3. Message of Encouragement

1 Th 5:9 If born-again -not chosen by God to experience His wrath... anger. Instead appointed to obtain/experience salvation

Wrath: judgment by God.

Day of Wrath in future—Tribulation period of 7 years which come after rapture of church. Rom 2:5; 5:9 Eph 5:6

appointed: **scheduled us** to be around for wrath. Not **divinely appointed** us to be here on earth during the day of wrath Rev 6:12-17

1 Th 5:10 Who died for us: took our place on cross ... paid in full our sin debt

*That, whether we wake or sleep...*whether alive or dead

we should live together with him. We will be with Him forever in Heaven.

Wiersbe; *Believers do not have to fear future judgment because it is not part of God's appointed plan for us. Will Christians go through the Day of the Lord, that awful period of judgment that*

God will send on the earth? I think not, and verses like 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9 seem to support this. Christians have always gone through tribulation, since this is a part of dedicated Christian living (John 15:18-27; 16:33). But they will not go through the Tribulation that is appointed for the godless world.

***Mac:** It is a general reference to the final judgment, when God's wrath will be poured out on the wicked (Matt. 3:7; John 3:36; Rom. 1:18; 2:5, 8; 3:5; 4:15; 5:9; 9:22; 12:19; Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:6; Rev. 14:9–11). But God's **wrath** here must also include the Day of the Lord, since that was the Thessalonians' primary concern. Paul assured them that they would face neither temporal **wrath** on the Day of the Lord (cf. Rev. 6:17), nor eternal **wrath** in hell.*

1 Th 5:10 Who died for us,

Jesus Christ took our place on cross of Calvary. Gal 1:4 Rom 14:9 2 Cor 5:15, 21
that, whether we wake or sleep, That whether we are alive or dead at time of rapture.
we should live together with him. Spend rest of eternity with Him in Heaven.

Basic fundamental truth in Bible.

Jesus Christ died for you. Why? So you can go to Heaven and live with Him forever. Luke 23:43 John 14:3; 17:24; 2 Cor 5:8; Phil 1:23; 1 Th 4:17

1 Th 5:11 Comfort yourselves together: encourage yourselves

Edify: Build up,

Educated in order to be expressive.

Learned something...now share it.

It has impacted you...share it with others Rom 14:19; 15:2; 1 Cor 8:1; 14:26; 2 Cor 12:19;

Eph 4:11-12, 29; Heb 10:24 -25; 3:12-13

So What?

1. Examination. Either part of the day or night.
2. Challenge. Wake up and show some spiritual stability
3. Encouragement. Encourage and build each other up with these truths